Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, William M. Gere has served the South Dakota Department of Transportation since May, 1940, for an entire tenure of more than 45 years; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Gere, as Director of the Division of Operations, is responsible for 930 employees in four regions across the state and supervises the care of 18,000 miles of road and 120,000 acres of roadside; and,

WHEREAS, Bill Gere has served in such transportation organizations as AASHTO, WASHTO, TRB and the National Society of Professional Engineers, and was at one time president of the South Dakota Engineering Society; and,

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, he displayed such good characteristics as practicality and good down to earth common sense, and often kept meetings in perspective with a statement like, "Well, let's quit talking about it and do it;" and,

WHEREAS, Bill Gere will most likely be remembered for his many colorful, pointed and applicable sayings, including, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" and a sparingly used remark to describe a very unusual occurrence, "Doesn't that just tear the rag off the bush;" and,

WHEREAS, Bill is retiring today and he will be greatly missed by all his co-workers and friends:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 15, 1985, as

BILL GERE DAY

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-second Day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Five

1889

William J. Janklow

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alice Kundert

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

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